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# Notes on Imperfect Repair(Mathematical Programming and its Related Field)

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0. Introduction

A component with failure time distribution  $F(t) = 1 - e^{-\Lambda(t)}$  is repaired at failure. Each repair results in minimal repair or perfect repair. Let  $N$  be a positive integer valued random variable denoting the number of repairs performed till the perfect repair, i.e.,  $N = k$  means the event that  $k-1$  minimal repairs were performed and the repair for the  $k$ -th failure was perfect and the component returned to the good-as-new-state. After the perfect repair the process is renewed. Time for repair is assumed to be negligible.

The dynamic process of the component is governed by a non-homogeneous Poisson process  $\{N(t), t \geq 0\}$  with mean value function  $\Lambda(t)$ . Then  $T_N$  means the time that the component returns to the good-as-new-state, where  $T_k = \inf \{t | N(t) = k\}$   $k \geq 1$ , the time that the  $k$ -th failure occurs supposed that the repairs for the previous  $k-1$  failures were minimal.

In this paper we study monotonic properties of  $T_N$  and other stochastic quantities, e.g., steady-state-distributions and so on. Our results may be of interest in renewal theory as well as in reliability theory.

1. Preliminaries

$\{N(t), t \geq 0\}$  : a non-homogeneous Poisson Process with differentiable mean value function  $\Lambda(t)$ ,

$$\Pr\{N(t) = k\} = e^{-\Lambda(t)} \frac{[\Lambda(t)]^k}{k!},$$

$$\lambda(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \Lambda(t),$$

$$T_k = \inf \{t \mid N(t) = k\}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots,$$

$$T_0 \equiv 0.$$

The following theorem is easily proved.

**Theorem 1.** For  $k \geq 0$ ,  $\ell \geq 1$ ,

- (1)  $\Pr[T_{k+\ell} - T_k > x \mid T_k = y] = \Pr[N(x+y) - N(y) < \ell],$
- (2)  $\Pr[T_{k+\ell} - T_k > x] = \int_0^\infty \Pr[N(x+y) - N(y) < \ell] d\Pr[T_k \leq y],$
- (3)  $E[T_{k+\ell} - T_k \mid T_k = y] = \int_0^\infty \Pr[N(x+y) - N(y) < \ell] dx,$
- (4)  $E[T_{k+\ell} - T_k] = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \Pr[N(x+y) - N(y) < \ell] dx d\Pr[T_k \leq y]. \quad \square$

**Corollary 2.** Letting  $\ell=1$  in the previous theorem, for  $k \geq 1$ ,

- (1)  $\Pr[T_{k+1} - T_k > x \mid T_k = y] = e^{-[\Lambda(x+y) - \Lambda(y)]} = \frac{e^{-\Lambda(x+y)}}{e^{-\Lambda(y)}},$
- (2)  $\Pr[T_{k+1} - T_k > x] = \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-\Lambda(x+y)}}{e^{-\Lambda(y)}} d\Pr[T_k \leq y],$
- (3)  $E[T_{k+1} - T_k \mid T_k = y] = \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-\Lambda(x+y)}}{e^{-\Lambda(y)}} dx,$
- (4)  $E[T_{k+1} - T_k] = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-\Lambda(x+y)}}{e^{-\Lambda(y)}} dx d\Pr[T_k \leq y]. \quad \square$

In the sequel we use the following lemmas, of which proof is easy and then omitted.

**Lemma 3.**

Let  $g(x) \downarrow$ ,  $g(x) \geq 0$  for  $x \geq 0$ ,  $f(x) \uparrow$ ,  $f(x) \geq 0$  for  $x \geq 0$ . If two distribution functions  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  satisfy  $F_1(0^-) = F_2(0^-) = 0$  and  $F_1(x) \leq F_2(x)$  for  $x \geq 0$ , then

$$\int_0^\infty g(x) dF_1(x) \leq \int_0^\infty g(x) dF_2(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^\infty f(x) dF_1(x) \geq \int_0^\infty f(x) dF_2(x),$$

supposing that the integrations finitely exist.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.** For  $\lambda \geq \mu$ ,  $\sum_{k=0}^n e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \leq \sum_{k=0}^n e^{-\mu} \frac{\mu^k}{k!}$  holds for  $\forall n \geq 0$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.** For  $k \geq 0$ ,  $\ell \geq 1$ ,

- (1)  $1 - e^{(t)} : \text{IFR} \Rightarrow \Pr[T_{k+\ell} - T_k > x] \downarrow_k \text{ for } \forall x \geq 0,$

- (2)  $1-e^{-\Lambda(t)}$  : DMRL  $\Rightarrow E[T_{k+\ell}-T_k] \downarrow_k$  ,  
 (3)  $1-e^{-\Lambda(t)}$  : NBU  $\Rightarrow \Pr[T_{k+\ell}-T_k > x] \leq \Pr[T_\ell > x]$  for  $\forall x \geq 0$ ,  
 (4)  $1-e^{-\Lambda(t)}$  : NBUE  $\Rightarrow E[T_{k+\ell}-T_k] \leq \ell E[T_1]$  .

**Proof.** We notice that  $T_k \uparrow_k$  a.s.

- (1)  $1-e^{-\Lambda(t)}$  : IFR  $\Leftrightarrow \Lambda(x+y)-\Lambda(y) \uparrow_y \Rightarrow \Pr[N(x+y)-N(y) < \ell] \downarrow_y$  (by Lemma 4)  
 $\Rightarrow \Pr[T_{k+\ell}-T_k > x] \downarrow_k$  (by Theorem 1 (2) and Lemma 3).

(2)  $E[T_{k+\ell}-T_k] = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell-1} E[T_{k+i+1}-T_{k+i}]$  is decreasing in  $k$ , since each term of the right hand side is decreasing in  $k$  by Corollary 2 and Lemma 3.

(3) By Lemma 4,  $\Pr[N(x+y)-N(y) < \ell] \leq \Pr[N(x) < \ell] = \Pr[T_\ell > x]$ . Then (3) is obvious.

(4)  $E[T_{k+\ell}-T_k] = \sum_{i=0}^{\ell-1} E[T_{k+i+1}-T_{k+i}]$  and  $E[T_{k+i+1}-T_{k+i}] \leq \int_0^\infty e^{-\Lambda(x)} dx = E[T_1]$  by the assumption and Corollary 2 (4). Then we have the inequality.

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## 2. Monotonic Properties of $T_k$

Let  $N$  be a positive integer valued r.v. independent with  $\{N(t), t \geq 0\}$ . In this section we study monotonic properties of  $T_N$ .

**Theorem 6.** (1) Suppose that  $Z_i$  ( $i \geq 1$ ) are i.i.d. r.v.'s with common distribution function same to the one of  $T_1$ , and are independent with  $N$ .

- (1)  $1-e^{-\Lambda(t)}$  : NBU  $\Rightarrow \Pr[T_N > t] \leq \Pr[\sum_{i=1}^N Z_i > t]$ .  
 (2)  $1-e^{-\Lambda(t)}$  : NBUE  $\Rightarrow E[T_N] \leq E[N]E[T_1]$ .

**Proof.** (2) is obvious from Theorem 5 (4).

(1) It is sufficient to prove  $\Pr[T_k > t] \leq \Pr[Z_1 + \dots + Z_k > t]$  for  $k \geq 1$ . We prove the inequality by the mathematical induction on  $k$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[T_{k+1} > t] &= \int \Pr[T_{k+1} > t | T_k = x] d\Pr[T_k \leq x] \\ &= \int \Pr[T_{k+1} - T_k > t - x | T_k = x] d\Pr[T_k \leq x] \\ &\leq \int \Pr[Z_{k+1} > t - x] d\Pr[T_k \leq x] \quad (\text{by Corollary 2 (1) and th} \end{aligned}$$

assumption)

$$\leq \int \Pr[Z_{k+1} > t-x] d\Pr[Z_1 + \dots + Z_k \leq x] \quad (\text{by the inductive assumption and Lemma 3})$$

$$= \Pr[Z_1 + \dots + Z_{k+1} > t]. \quad \square$$

### 3. Stochastic Comparisons of $T_N$ and $T_{N'}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } \bar{F}_N(t) &= \Pr[T_N > t] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Pr[N(t)=k] \Pr[N > k], \\ f_N(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} \Pr[T_N \leq t] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Pr[N(t)=k] \lambda(t) \Pr[N=k+1], \\ \lambda_N(t) &= \frac{f_N(t)}{\bar{F}_N(t)}. \end{aligned}$$

In this section  $N$  and  $N'$  are positive integer valued r.v.'s independent with  $\{N(t), t \geq 0\}$

**Theorem 7.** (1)  $\frac{\Pr[N=\ell]}{\Pr[N=k]} \leq \frac{\Pr[N'=\ell]}{\Pr[N'=k]}$  for  $\ell < k \Rightarrow \frac{f_N(x+\Delta)}{f_N(x)} \leq$

$\frac{f_{N'}(x+\Delta)}{f_{N'}(x)}$  for  $x \geq 0$  and  $\Delta \geq 0$ .

(2)  $\frac{\Pr[N=k+1]}{\Pr[N > k]} \leq \frac{\Pr[N'=k+1]}{\Pr[N' > k]}$  for  $k \geq 1 \Leftrightarrow \frac{\Pr[N > \ell]}{\Pr[N > k]} \geq \frac{\Pr[N' > \ell]}{\Pr[N' > k]}$  for  $k < \ell$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{\bar{F}_N(t+\Delta)}{\bar{F}_N(t)} \geq \frac{\bar{F}_{N'}(t+\Delta)}{\bar{F}_{N'}(t)}$  for  $t \geq 0, \Delta \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda_N(t) \leq \lambda_{N'}(t)$  for  $t \geq 0$ .

(3)  $\Pr[N > \ell] \geq \Pr[N' > \ell]$  for  $\ell \geq 1 \Rightarrow \bar{F}_N(t) \geq \bar{F}_{N'}(t)$  for  $t \geq 0$ .

**Proof.** (1)

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Pr[N(x+\Delta)=k] \lambda(x+\Delta) \Pr[N=k+1]}{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Pr[N(x)=k] \lambda(x) \Pr[N=k+1]} - \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Pr[N(x+\Delta)=k] \lambda(x+\Delta) \Pr[N'=k+1]}{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Pr[N(x)=k] \lambda(x) \Pr[N'=k+1]} \right| \\ &= \sum_{k < \ell} \left| \frac{\Pr[N(x+\Delta)=k] \lambda(x+\Delta)}{\Pr[N(x)=k] \lambda(x)} - \frac{\Pr[N(x+\Delta)=\ell] \lambda(x+\Delta)}{\Pr[N(x)=\ell] \lambda(x)} \right| \left| \frac{\Pr[N=k+1]}{\Pr[N=\ell+1]} - \frac{\Pr[N'=k+1]}{\Pr[N'=\ell+1]} \right| \\ &\leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

(2) The equivalent relations of (2) is obvious.

$$\left| \frac{\bar{F}_N(t+\Delta)}{\bar{F}_N(t)} - \frac{\bar{F}_{N'}(t+\Delta)}{\bar{F}_{N'}(t)} \right| = \sum_{k < \ell} \left| \frac{\Pr[N(t+\Delta)=k]}{\Pr[N(t)=k]} - \frac{\Pr[N(t+\Delta)=\ell]}{\Pr[N(t)=\ell]} \right| \left| \frac{\Pr[N > k]}{\Pr[N > \ell]} - \frac{\Pr[N' > k]}{\Pr[N' > \ell]} \right|$$

$\geq 0$ .

The relation (3) is easily proved by using Lemma 3.  $\square$

We present simple bounds for the distribution and the expectation of  $T_N$ .

**Corollary 8.** Let  $q_m = \inf_k \Pr[N > k+1 | N > k]$ ,  $q_M = \sup_k \Pr[N > k+1 | N > k]$ , and  $N_m$  and  $N_M$  be positive integer valued r.v.'s independent with  $\{N(t), t \geq 0\}$  such that  $\Pr[N_m = k] = q_m^{k-1}(1-q_m)$ ,  $\Pr[N_M = k] = q_M^{k-1}(1-q_M)$ . Since  $\Pr[N_m > k] \leq \Pr[N > k] \leq \Pr[N_M > k]$  for  $k \geq 1$ , by Theorem 7 we have  $\Pr[T_{N_m} > t] \leq \Pr[T_N > t] \leq \Pr[T_{N_M} > t]$  for  $t \geq 0$  and  $E[T_{N_m}] \leq E[T_N] \leq E[T_{N_M}]$ .  $\square$

**Remark 9.** Theorem 7 (1) (2) (3) show that stochastically-larger-relations between  $N$  and  $N'$  are preserved to the same stochastic relations between  $T_N$  and  $T_{N'}$ , without any assumption on  $1-e^{-\Lambda(t)}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 10.**  $1-e^{-\Lambda(t)}$ :DMRL,  $\frac{\sum_{k=j}^{\infty} \Pr[N \geq k]}{E[N]} \geq \frac{\sum_{k=j}^{\infty} \Pr[N' \geq k]}{E[N']}$  for  $j \geq 1$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{E[T_N]}{E[N]} \leq \frac{E[T_{N'}]}{E[N']}$ .

**Proof.** Since  $1-e^{-\Lambda(t)}$  is DMRL,  $E[T_j - T_{j-1}]$  is decreasing in  $j$  by Theorem 5 (2). Then using Lemma 3,

$$\frac{E[T_N]}{E[N]} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} E[T_j - T_{j-1}] \frac{\Pr[N \geq j]}{E[N]} \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} E[T_j - T_{j-1}] \frac{\Pr[N' \geq j]}{E[N']} = \frac{E[T_{N'}]}{E[N']} . \square$$

**Remark 11.** The following relation holds.

$$\frac{\Pr[N=\ell]}{\Pr[N=k]} \geq \frac{\Pr[N'=\ell]}{\Pr[N'=k]} \text{ for } k \leq \ell \Rightarrow \frac{\Pr[N \geq \ell]}{\Pr[N \geq k]} \geq \frac{\Pr[N' \geq \ell]}{\Pr[N' \geq k]} \text{ for } k \leq \ell$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sum_{k=j}^{\infty} \Pr[N \geq k]}{E[N]} \geq \frac{\sum_{k=j}^{\infty} \Pr[N' \geq k]}{E[N']} \text{ for } j \geq 1 . (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Pr[N \geq k] \geq \Pr[N' \geq k] \text{ for } k \geq 1 . (2)$$

There is generally no relation between (1) and (2).  $\square$

**Remark 12.** It is easily verified that if  $\Pr[N \leq 2] = \Pr[N' \leq 2] = 1$ ,  $\Pr[N=2] \geq \Pr[N'=2]$  and  $1-e^{-\Lambda(t)}$  is NBU, then  $\frac{E[T_N]}{E[N]} \leq \frac{E[T_{N'}]}{E[N']}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 13.** For  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots$ ,  $\frac{a_1 + \dots + a_n}{n} \geq \frac{a_1 + \dots + a_{n+1}}{n+1}$  holds for  $n \geq 1$ . The proof is easy and omitted.  $\square$

**Theorem 14.**  $1 - e^{-\Lambda(t)}$ :DMRL and  $\Pr[N > k] \geq \Pr[N' > k]$  for  $k \geq 1$

$$\Rightarrow E\left[\frac{T_N}{N}\right] \leq E\left[\frac{T_{N'}}{N'}\right].$$

**Proof.** Since  $1 - e^{-\Lambda(t)}$  is DMRL,  $E[T_j - T_{j-1}]$  is decreasing in  $j$  by Theorem 5 (2). Then by Lemma 13,  $E\left[\frac{T_k}{k}\right] = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^k E[T_j - T_{j-1}]}{k}$  is decreasing in  $k$ . Then Theorem 14 is obvious by Lemma 3.  $\square$

#### 4. Stochastic Comparisons of Steady-State-Distributions

$\{N^j(t), t \geq 0\}$  ( $j \geq 1$ ) : independent non-homogeneous Poisson

processes with common mean value function  $\Lambda(t)$ ,

$$T_k^j = \inf \{t | N^j(t) = k\}$$

$N_j$  ( $j \geq 1$ ) : independent positive integer valued r.v.'s with common distribution same to the one of  $N$ ,

i.e.,  $\{N^j(t), t \geq 0\}$  ( $j \geq 1$ ) are replicas of  $\{N(t), t \geq 0\}$  and  $N_j$  ( $j \geq 1$ ) are replicas of  $N$ . We assume that  $\{N^j(t), t \geq 0\}$  ( $j \geq 1$ ) are independent with  $N_j$  ( $j \geq 1$ ).

We define a counting process  $\{M(t), t \geq 0\}$  as

$$M(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} N_j + N^n(t - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} T_{N_j}^j) \quad \text{if} \quad \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} T_{N_j}^j \leq t \leq \sum_{j=1}^n T_{N_j}^j.$$

We notice that  $T_{N_j}^j$  ( $j \geq 1$ ) are i.i.d. random variables with common distribution function  $F_N(t)$ ,  $1 - F_N(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Pr[N(t) = k] \Pr[N > k]$ . In this section we consider stochastic quantities with respect to  $\{M(t), t \geq 0\}$ , which means the number of repairs performed in  $[0, t]$ .

Let's define

$$Z(t) = T_{N^n(t - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} T_{N_j}^j) + 1}^n - (t - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} T_{N_j}^j) \quad \text{if} \quad \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} T_{N_j}^j \leq t \leq \sum_{j=1}^n T_{N_j}^j,$$

which means the time to the next failure from the time epoch  $t$ .

**Theorem 15.**

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \Pr[Z(t) > x] = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\bar{F}_N(y)}{E[T_N]} \cdot \frac{e^{-\Lambda(x+y)}}{e^{-\Lambda(y)}} dy.$$

**Proof.** Simple calculation verifies the above equality. Since  $\Pr[Z(t) > x] = \int_0^t \Pr[T_{N(x-y)+1} > t-y+x, t-y < T_N] d\{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (F_N)^{(n-1)}(y)\}$ , where  $(F_N)^{(n-1)}$  is the  $(n-1)$ -fold convolution of  $F_N$ , then by the basic renewal theory we have

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \Pr[Z(t) > x] = \frac{1}{E[T_N]} \int_0^{\infty} \Pr[T_{N(y)+1} > y+x, y < T_N] dy.$$

Noticing that  $\Pr[T_{N(y)+1} > y+x, y < T_N] = \bar{F}_N(y) \Pr[N(y+x) - N(y) = 0]$ , the theorem is proved.  $\square$

We write the steady-state-distribution of  $Z(t)$  as  $H$ , i.e.,

$$\bar{H}_N(x) = 1 - H_N(x) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\bar{F}_N(y)}{E[T_N]} \cdot \frac{e^{-\Lambda(x+y)}}{e^{-\Lambda(y)}} dy.$$

**Theorem 16.** (1) The density function  $h_N(x)$  and the failure rate function  $r_N(x)$  of  $H_N(x)$  are

$$h_N(x) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\bar{F}_N(y)}{E[T_N]} \cdot \frac{e^{-\Lambda(x+y)}}{e^{-\Lambda(y)}} \cdot \lambda(x+y) dy,$$

$$r_N(x) = \frac{\int_0^{\infty} \bar{F}_N(y) \cdot \frac{e^{-\Lambda(x+y)}}{e^{-\Lambda(y)}} \cdot \lambda(x+y) dy}{\int_0^{\infty} \bar{F}_N(y) \cdot \frac{e^{-\Lambda(x+y)}}{e^{-\Lambda(y)}} dy}.$$

$$(2) \quad \frac{\Pr[N > \ell]}{\Pr[N > k]} \leq \frac{\Pr[N' > \ell]}{\Pr[N' > k]} \quad \text{for } k < \ell, \quad 1 - e^{-\Lambda(t)} \text{ has PF}_2\text{-density}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{h_N(t+\Delta)}{h_N(t)} \geq \frac{h_{N'}(t+\Delta)}{h_{N'}(t)} \quad \text{for } t > 0, \Delta > 0.$$

$$(3) \quad \frac{\Pr[N > \ell]}{\Pr[N > k]} \leq \frac{\Pr[N' > \ell]}{\Pr[N' > k]} \quad \text{for } k < \ell, \quad 1 - e^{-\Lambda(t)} : \text{IFR}$$

$$\Rightarrow r_N(x) \leq r_{N'}(x) \quad \text{for } \forall x > 0 \Rightarrow H_N(x) \leq H_{N'}(x) \quad \text{for } \forall x > 0.$$



**Proof.** Differentiating  $H_N(x)$ , (1) is easily obtained.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2) & \left| \int_0^\infty \bar{F}_N(y) \cdot \frac{e^{-\Lambda(x+\Delta+y)}}{e^{-\Lambda(y)}} \cdot \lambda(x+\Delta+y) dy - \int_0^\infty \bar{F}_{N'}(y) \cdot \frac{e^{-\Lambda(x+\Delta+y)}}{e^{-\Lambda(y)}} \cdot \lambda(x+\Delta+y) dy \right| \\
 & \left| \int_0^\infty \bar{F}_N(y) \cdot \frac{e^{-\Lambda(x+y)}}{e^{-\Lambda(y)}} \cdot \lambda(x+y) dy - \int_0^\infty \bar{F}_{N'}(y) \cdot \frac{e^{-\Lambda(x+y)}}{e^{-\Lambda(y)}} \cdot \lambda(x+y) dy \right| \\
 & = \int_{y_1 < y_2} \left| \frac{\bar{F}_N(y_1) - \bar{F}_{N'}(y_1)}{\bar{F}_N(y_2) - \bar{F}_{N'}(y_2)} \right| \left| \frac{e^{-\Lambda(x+\Delta+y_1)}}{e^{-\Lambda(y_1)}} \cdot \lambda(x+\Delta+y_1) - \frac{e^{-\Lambda(x+\Delta+y_2)}}{e^{-\Lambda(y_2)}} \cdot \lambda(x+\Delta+y_2) \right| \\
 & \quad \left| \frac{e^{-\Lambda(x+y_1)}}{e^{-\Lambda(y_1)}} \cdot \lambda(x+y_1) - \frac{e^{-\Lambda(x+y_2)}}{e^{-\Lambda(y_2)}} \cdot \lambda(x+y_2) \right| \\
 & \geq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Using Basic Composition Theorem, (3) is proved similarly to the proof of (2).  $\square$

We define

$$Z^*(t) = \sum_{j=1}^n T_{N_j}^j - t \quad \text{if} \quad \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} T_{N_j}^j \leq t \leq \sum_{j=1}^n T_{N_j}^j,$$

which means the time to the next perfect repair from the time epoch  $t$ .

It is well known that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \Pr[Z^*(t) \leq x] = \frac{1}{E[T_N]} \int_0^x \bar{F}_N(u) du.$$

We write the right hand side of the above equality as  $H_N^*(x)$ .

**Theorem 17.**  $\frac{\Pr[N > \ell]}{\Pr[N > k]} \leq \frac{\Pr[N' > \ell]}{\Pr[N' > k]}$  for  $k < \ell$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\bar{H}_N^*(t+\Delta)}{\bar{H}_N^*(t)} \leq \frac{\bar{H}_{N'}^*(t+\Delta)}{\bar{H}_{N'}^*(t)} \quad \text{for } t > 0, \Delta > 0 \Rightarrow H_N^*(t) \geq H_{N'}^*(t) \quad \text{for } t > 0.$$

**Proof.**

$$\left| \frac{\int_{t+\Delta}^\infty \bar{F}_N(u) du}{\int_t^\infty \bar{F}_N(u) du} - \frac{\int_{t+\Delta}^\infty \bar{F}_{N'}(u) du}{\int_t^\infty \bar{F}_{N'}(u) du} \right| = \left| \frac{\int_{t+\Delta}^\infty \bar{F}_N(u) du}{\int_t^{t+\Delta} \bar{F}_N(u) du} - \frac{\int_{t+\Delta}^\infty \bar{F}_{N'}(u) du}{\int_t^{t+\Delta} \bar{F}_{N'}(u) du} \right| \leq 0. \quad \square$$

Noticing that  $\bar{H}_N(x) = \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-\Lambda(x+y)}}{e^{-\Lambda(y)}} dH_N^*(y)$ , we have by Theorem

17 and Lemma 3 :

Theorem 18.  $\frac{\Pr[N > \ell]}{\Pr[N > k]} \leq \frac{\Pr[N' > \ell]}{\Pr[N' > k]}$  for  $k \leq \ell$ ,  $1 - e^{-\Lambda(t)} : \text{DMRL}$   
 $\Rightarrow \int_0^\infty \bar{H}_N(x) dx \geq \int_0^\infty \bar{H}_{N'}(x) dx$ .  $\square$

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